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Subject: microsoft acquiring SGI 3d patents.

there are news reports circulating today that Microsoft has acquired patents from SGI, Inc., regarding some 3d technologies and the OpenGL 3d platform. OpenGL is the only competition Microsoft has to it's own Direct3d platform. By acquiring these technologies, it's created a monopolistic situation on the continuing developement of 3d technologies. It's not inconceivable that hardware manufacturers would be pressured to stop supporting OpenGL and only support Direct3d, which excludes all platforms but Microsoft's.

I urge you to investigate these matters.

thank you.

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